

Celebrating Volunteerism: Making Waves

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Highlands Center
at Cape Cod National Seashore

As a cornerstone throughout the history of the Seashore, Volunteers-in-Parks were the honorees of the day on July 9, 2011 at Highlands Fest. Themed *Making Waves*, the National Seashore's 50th Anniversary celebration of volunteers commemorated commitment to service and how this makes positive waves throughout the park. The Highlands Center Partners and Cape Cod National Seashore honored several parties for their extensive volunteer service to advance science (Dr. Graham Giese), the arts (Joyce Johnson), education (17 Interpretation and Cultural Resource volunteers who have served for over 15 years) and the community (Friends of the Cape Cod National Seashore) during an awards ceremony.

"In 2010 alone, volunteers served over 22,000 hours at Cape Cod National Seashore. The monetary value of this service is almost half of a million dollars, but the contributions of these volunteers are invaluable to us and we are excited to be recognizing them," said Superintendent George Price.



A true celebration of volunteerism, the day focused around a fun and engaging service project: painting a mural. Highlands Center partners and volunteers painted together, creating a colorful, celebratory mural designed by Barnstable County's AmeriCorps Cape Cod member Vadim Zhernokleyev. This mural will leave a visible and lasting mark on the Highlands Center, just as volunteers have left their mark on the seashore.

